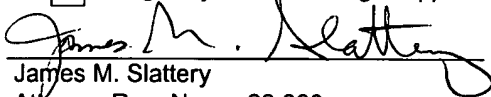




AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER				Docket No. 0020-5166P	
Application No. 10/642,591-Conf. #002938		Filing Date August 19, 2003		Examiner M. H. Thaler	
				Art Unit 3731	
Applicant(s): Takaaki ISSHIKI et al.					
Invention: THROMBUS CAPTURE CATHETER					
MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. <u>02-2448</u> as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.					
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 James M. Slattery Attorney Reg. No.: 28,380				Dated: <u>December 27, 2006</u>	
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December 27, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 1, 2006, the period for response being extended by two months to January 1, 2007, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application:

This Paper includes Claim Set As Amended and Remarks.